

# **SOUTH MIAMI-KENDALL BAR NEWS**

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-KENDALL BAR  
ASSOCIATION**

**November 2003**



**NOVEMBER CLE SEMINAR-MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH MIAMI-KENDALL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003**

**12:00 Noon**

**Fleming's, A Taste of Denmark Restaurant  
8511 Southwest 136<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida**

**\$21.00 for Members**

**\$26.00 for Nonmembers and**

**Members who do not make Reservations by November 20, 2003**

**FREE for Judges**

**SPEAKER: EDWARD A. FISHER**

**TOPIC: " Who Do You Think You're Talking To?"**

**A Lesson in Communication**

**R.S.V.P. to Olivia at The Law Offices of Iris Sachs**

**Telephone: (305) 662-6610**

## **President's Message**

By MITCHELL PANTER, ESQ.



### **TRY, TRY AND TRY AGAIN!**

How do we get you interested, involved and committed? What do you, a member of the South Miami Kendall Bar Association want to get from our group? Do you want CLE credit, networking with other lawyers, advertising ideas or just a nice lunch away from the office?

Tell me! I'll listen.

We continue to grow our organization and look forward to serving our current members and increasing our ranks. But I need your help. Call me, email me, fax me and tell me what it is that you want us to do, and we'll do it.

SMKBA.COM is almost ready to go. Our new web page will include a directory of all of our members along with a listing by specialties (i.e. Real Estate Attorney, Probate- or dirt and death law as Blair so elegantly calls it). We will have advertising space available. We will have a calendar of events and links to all of your favorite sites (hold the jokes please). We have developed a new logo and we look forward to having the site up and running by the next meeting.

Our Picnic is set for Sunday, March 14, 2004 at A.D. Barnes Park on Bird Road and 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. At our last meeting we proudly presented Howard Kuker and Ira Pozen with Bar B Que Spatula Awards for their years of dedication, sweat and great burgers.

We are continuing with our Judicial Profile in this edition of our newsletter and we thank Judge Richard Suarez for participating this month. We look forward to profiling several other judges in the upcoming editions and hopefully the information provided will assist you in your practice before the local judiciary.

I look forward to continuing to serve our group and remain available to discuss any issue regarding the South Miami Kendall Bar Association. Please feel free to contact me at 305/662-6178 or email me at [mpanter@panterlaw.com](mailto:mpanter@panterlaw.com).

# **UP COMING EVENTS**

## **SOUTH MIAMI-KENDALL BAR ASSOCIATION** **FAMILY LAW LUNCH FORUM**

**FRIDAY, January 30, 2003**  
**STEAK AND ALE**  
**9090 SW 97<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Honorable Eugene J. Fierro**  
**Topic: "Injunctive Relief and View from the Bench"**

**Lunch will include a choice from selected Entrees, Salad Bar, and Coffee, Tea or Soft drink**

**\$18.00**

**Non-Members of the Association are welcome.**

**RSVP to Lina at Law Offices of Michelle A. Pivar**  
**Telephone: (305) 595-7666**

**(CLE CREDIT APPLIED FOR)**

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**Dade County Bar Association & The South Miami Kendall Bar Association**

**Co-Host:**

## **LUNCH WITH THE SOUTH DADE COURT JUDGES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2004**

**South Dade Justice Center**  
**10701 SW 211<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Learn about the latest developments in Small Claims and County Court**

**\$20.00**

## Judicial Spotlight

### **JUDGE RICHARD J. SUAREZ**

The South Miami Kendall Bar is pleased and proud to introduce you to Judge Richard J. Suarez. Judge Suarez is presently serving our community as a County Judge at the South Dade Justice Center located at 10710 S.W. 211<sup>th</sup> Street. Judge Suarez was appointed as a County Court Judge in August, 2002 by Governor Bush. The Judicial Assistant to Judge Suarez is Mary West who has been with Judge Suarez for more than twenty years. Judge Suarez' Bailiff is Michael Ross, a retired New York City Police Officer. Judge Suarez can be reached at (305) 252-5850, his telefax number is (305) 971-5095.

From 1991 through 2002, Judge Suarez was a partner in the Law Firm of Hardeman & Suarez, P.A., specializing in civil litigation in both state and federal courts. Prior to forming the law firm, Judge Suarez was a partner with the firm of Corlett & Killian, P.A.

Judge Suarez received a bachelor of music degree, magna cum laude, master's degree and Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from the University of Miami. Judge Suarez served as a faculty member of Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University.

Judge Suarez has been a member of many civic organizations and has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Humanities Council, the Ronald McDonald House of South Florida and the Friends of WLRN Public Radio and Television. He has been a member of the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Ethics and was chairman of the Florida Bar Eleventh Circuit Committee "C" on the Unlicensed Practice of Law.

Motion Calendar is on Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Civil non jury trials are scheduled every day. Domestic Violence cases are heard on Tuesdays, misdemeanor and traffic cases on Thursdays and Fridays.

Judge Suarez is proud to announce that he has attended our banquets, but regrettably (for him and us) has not yet sung. He does believe in miracles, any maybe we can persuade him to take the center stage this year. We look forward to having Judge Suarez serve our community and our group for a long time to come.



## Ramblings from the Yenta

The Board led by President Mitch Panter is hard at work. The new web site sounds terrific. Now all you attorneys who like to hang out on the internet can stay in close contact. The Yenta saw a lot of members at the first Annual Judicial Reception on October 30<sup>th</sup> jointly sponsored by our organization with the Coral Gables Bar Association. The fine food and music was great and there was a lot of hobnobbing with the judges.

I hope you all attended this past luncheon at Flemings. On a scale from one to ten Lidia Rodriguez-Taseff of the ACLU was a ten! The Yenta thoroughly enjoyed the compelling issues relevant to our First Amendment Rights presented by Ms. Rodriguez-Taseff and hopes she will return and speak again to our organization. Thanks to Ms. Taseff, anyone who was present will know better than to set any hearings downtown in mid- November.

Well the Yenta doesn't have much else. She is still recovering from the World Series. Have you seen the nice white marlins hats that they were selling on Flagler Street for half price?

Respectfully submitted,

*The Yenta*

Michelle supporting the ACLU with our special guest speaker  
Lidia Rodriguez-Taseff



Congratulations to Howard Kuker & Ira Pozen for being the proud recipients of the Spatula Awards in recognition for their hard work at our annual picnics. We're all looking forward to your chef skills at our 2004 Picnic!

# APPLAUSE

The Domestic Violence Survivor Benefit hosted by the South Miami Kendall Bar Association & Democratic POWER, was a great success! We raised over \$3,000 for the Emergency Relief Fund. John H. "Jack" Hickey, Esquire, the President of the Dade County Bar Association kicked off the event. Hooligan's was full to capacity and the crowd was great. Immediately after the Florida Marlins won the World Series the Band **Crazy Talk** who donated their time for this event took over and Rocked the night away. We look forward to next year's fund raiser being even better. It's important as a community to help **STOP THE VIOLENCE**.

## **The South Miami Kendall Bar Association**

**Would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:**

**DEMOCRATIC POWER  
HOOLIGAN'S BAR & OYSTER PUB  
MARKOWITZ, DAVIS, RINGEL & TRUSTY, P.A.  
PANTER, PANTER & SAMPEDRO, P.A.  
LILLESAND & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
KINKO'S  
ARMSTRONG FORD OF HOMESTEAD  
MURRAY ELECTRIC  
DAN MARINO'S TOWN TAVERN  
THE BAND CRAZY TALK  
THE HONORABLE BONNIE RIPPINGILLE  
ROBERTA SCHWEITZER, ESQUIRE  
MICHAELLE PAULSON, ESQUIRE**

***Thank you for making the  
"FIRST ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND  
BENEFIT"  
A GRAND SUCCESS***

## **OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

Officers: **Mitchell Panter, President**  
**Michelle Pivar, President-Elect**  
**Lisa Ginsburg, Treasurer**  
**Iris Sachs, Secretary**  
**Fred Glickman, Immediate Past-President**

Directors: **Angie Angelis**  
**Ted Bayer**  
**Sharon Blake**  
**J.B. deRosset**  
**Michaelle Paulson**  
**Michael Rehr**  
**David Weissman**

## **CALENDAR**

### **2003-2004 Luncheons**

**September 19, 2003**  
**October 24, 2003\***  
**November 21, 2003**

**January 23, 2004**  
**February 20, 2004**  
**March 19, 2004**

**April 23, 2004**  
**May 21, 2004**  
**\*revised date**

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**November 21, 2003**  
**December 1, 2003**  
**December 8, 2003**  
**January 21, 2004**

**January 30, 2004**  
**March 26, 2004**  
**May 14, 2004**

**South Miami Kendall Bar CLE Luncheon**  
**Deadline for submitting articles for the SMKB newsletter**  
**Small Claims Clinic in South Dade**  
**Dade County Bar Association and South Miami Kendall Bar Association host Lunch with the Judges**  
**South Miami Kendall Bar Family Lunch Forum**  
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# THE SOUTH MIAMI- KENDALL BAR ASSOCIATION

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## 2003-2004 DUES STATEMENT- THIS IS YOUR INVOICE

### 2003 Annual Membership Dues:

Attorneys and Associate Members \$60.00

Free to First Year Admittees to The Florida Bar

Please check box if you would like to donate to the "M.H. Paul Van Hemert Memorial Scholarship"

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS FORM, WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$60.00 MADE  
PAYABLE TO SMKBA, TO:

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WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE YOU AS A FELLOW MEMBER.  
IN ORDER TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY  
AND FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN "PUT SOMETHING BACK" PLEASE  
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I do \_\_\_\_\_ or do not \_\_\_\_\_ want to participate in the pro bono program. If you want to participate in the pro bono program, please indicate your interest below:

Are you willing to do pro bono litigation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### Benefits

Social security  
 Social Security  
 Disability

#### Consumer

Bankruptcy Ch. 7  
 Bankruptcy Ch 13  
 Collection  
 Warranties  
 Non-Collection Loans  
 Unfair Sales Practice  
 Auto/Other  
 Educational Loan

#### Corporate

Not for Profit  
 Corporate Contracts

#### Employment

Job Discrimination  
 Wage Claim  
 Unemployment Appeals

#### Family

Adoption  
 Liens  
 Custody  
 Contested Divorce  
 Uncontested Divorce  
 Name Change  
 Paternity  
 Support Modification  
 Visitation

#### General Civil

General Civil Issues  
 Insurance

#### Guardian Ad Litem

GAL Family Court  
 Juvenile Dependency  
 Minor Settlement

#### Health

Health Insurance  
 Health Related Matters

#### Housing/Real Estate

Deeds  
 Landlord Tenant  
 Mortgage Foreclosure  
 Zoning

#### Probate

Will Drafting  
 Guardianship  
 Probate Estate

#### Projects

Adopt an agency

Brazilian Pro Bono Panel

Child Advocacy  
 Domestic Violence  
 FACDL\_Third Degree  
Felony

Habitat for Humanity  
 Homeless  
 HIV/AIDS

Hospice  
 Juvenile Advocacy

#### Mentor

Law Firm Project  
 Pro Se Divorce Clinics  
 Small Claims Clinics.

Volunteer Lawyers for  
the Arts

Wills on Wheels

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